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Dear Howard,

Sorry I forget to mail this and other letters.

Why not try an exercise, taking a hypothetical case. Rather, a hypothesis. Suppose you were to conjecture that the rear torso wound was on the level of the 10nverterbre or between the second and third ribs, more or less as shown in the body chart Boswell says was careless inaccuracy

Suppose for the moment we were to consider this as not inaccurate, that he was trying to explain it away instead. You are, I presume, familiar with what I have said of this in my writing, beginning with WW. What else is there that comes to your mind that is also consistent with it? Here I mean in the medical evidence, of whatever nature, verbal or written, not just what I have already mobilized and published.

Can you, offhand, think of anything significant in substantiation of this hypothesis? In the proctocols, testimony, exhibits or CDs you've seen?

Hope you can learn what has been so difficult for me, not to lose your cool so easily, for once you say strong things, people forget you are an innocent 16-year-old. They are then less inclined to self-justification that to themselves they describe as adult kindness and consideration for a young, probing mind. Sometimes, now, I do not lose my cool. Once I almost always did.

If you have any comments, suggestions or additions re: Kleindienst letter, please make them. This was not as specific as it could have been for what I hope are obvious reasons plus my desire that ~~xxx~~ he do a little inquiring. One thing that fascinates me is that my letter was never referred to the right man (Eardley) for response, only to the uninformed. If he does not answer in a reasonable time, I may write him asking more....If you see Specter, please, none of this to him. Do not make the mistake of thinking he is not sharp. He is, and he is troubled.

Have a good holiday.

Sincerely,